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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 0274

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (SEELYE, TALCOTT W.L  
SUBJ: PROJECTED VISIT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TALCOTT W. SEELYE

REF: A. STATE 002036, B. ADDIS ABABA 0081,  
C. ADDIS ABABA 0250 (NOTAL)

1. DURING CALL ON MOFA DIRECTOR AMERICAN DIVISION BERHANE DERESSA JAN 17, I RAISED WITH HIM PROJECTED SEELYE VISIT. BERHANE IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT MOFA HAD HEARD FROM MEKBIB ABOUT THE VISIT, AND HAD TELEGRAPHED MEKBIB THAT FONMIN KIFLE WILL BE OUT OF TWON ATTENDING OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING AT LOME AT THAT TIME.

2. BERHANE EXPRESSED PERSONAL PLEASURE AT PROPOSED VISIT AND ASSURE ME THAT HE WOULD ARRANGE GOOD SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE ACTING FONMIN IF KIFLE NOT HERE. HE THEN WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER DATES FOR VISIT HEREMIGHT BE JUGGLED TO INSURE THAT SEELYE AND KIFLE MEET. I TOLD HIM I HAD NO IDEA, BUT WOULD PASS ON HIS QUERY TO DEPT.

3. BERHANE WAS NOT SURE OF DATES OF LOME MEETING. WE HAVE DOUBLE-CHECKED WITH OAU, HOWEVER, AND CONFIRMED MEETING WILL BE HELD FEB 21-28, WHICH WOULD INDEED ELIMINATE POSSIBILITY OF KIFLE -SEELYE MEETING IF KIFLE  
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ATTENDS. THIS WOULD BE A MATTER FOR SOME REGRET,SINCE AS DEPT AWARE, NEST RANKING MOFA OFFICER IS PERMSEC GETACHEW KIBRET WHO, WHILE HE CAN BE FORTHCOMING VERY OCCASIONALLY, IS NOT VERY FRUITFUL. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT SEELYE CONSIDER POSSIBILTiy OF CHANGING DATES TO ARRIVE HERE AFTER FEB 28, BUT WILL UNERSTAND IF THIS CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR SEELYE AND /OR OTHER POSTS.

4. LATER ON DURIGN CALL ANDIN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT  
CONTEXT, I INQUIRED WHETHER PMAC VIRST VICE CHAIRMAN  
WAS LIKELY TO BE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO DIPLOMATS IN HIS  
NEW CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. BERHANE'S  
REPLY WAS REASONABLY POSITIVE. HE THOUGHT HE MIGHT BE  
ABLE ARRANGE SOMETHING IF SUBJECT WAS "IMPORTANT  
ENOUGH," CITING CALLS ON MENGISTU REPORTED IN PRESS  
OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS (ALL OF WHICH WERE VISITING  
DELEGATIONS OF ON SORT OR ANOTHER, MOSTLY FROM COMMUNIST  
COUNTRIES). BERHANE MAY BE SOMEWHAT OVERLY OPTIMISTIC,  
BUT HIS REPLY WAS SUFFICIENTLY FORTHCOMING TO ENCOURAGE  
ME TO THINK THERE MAY BE REAL POSSIBILITY FOR SEELYE  
MENGISTU MEETING AS PROPOSED REFTEL (C).  
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